Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is it not a fact that a majority of them are unfit to give any training to these juveniles?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not think that all of them should give instructions. It is enough if there are two or three who can give instructions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—The number of juveniles is given there as 53. It is quite a large number.

Mr. President.—At a time what will be the number of juvenile offenders in the central jail?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Some 5 or 6 at a time.

Periodic draught and Floods—Muriyad canal—damages to Kole-cultivation—prevention of.

156. **Mr. K M. Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that periodic draught and floods in the Muriyad canal do great harm to adjoining Kole-cultivation;

(b) what protective measures have the Government so far taken and what further steps they propose to take to prevent the calamity;

(c) what is the extent of cultivation affected?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) There have been draught in some years in the Muriyad Lake.

(b) Proper regulation of water in this area has considerably reduced this hazard. The proposal of the Chalakkudi river diversion will also be a help to the paddy cultivation in this area.

(c) About 4,000 acres.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—Will the proposal be of any help?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It was meant by the execution of that scheme.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—What about the floods in the Muriyad lake? Is it not doing havoc to the cultivators?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It is Puncha cultivation that is carried on near the Muriyad lake and floods are not of much consequence.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North)*— മുരിയാട് കായലിലെ കൃഷി ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കല്ലേ കരുവന്നൂർ ചിറ കെട്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നതു്?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—May I know at what stage the Chalakkudi river diversion scheme stands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Before that scheme will be taken up it is necessary that the joint gauging of the river by Travancore and Cochin should be undertaken, and that is being carried on.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know how long has this scheme been engaging the attention of the Cochin Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It was engaging the attention of the Government for the past 17 years. It was necessary to come to an agreement with Travancore and that was only recently obtained.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Now that the agreement has been made, may I know how long will it take to have this scheme?

Mr. President.—Agreement is only for gauging the river and not for the scheme.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know at what distance of time can we have the fruits of this scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—After the guaging operations are over we will have again to negotiate with the Travancore Government as to how much water we can take and all those riparian questions will have to be settled. It is not possible to say definitely as to when it will be completed.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Not even approximately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Has the Government come to any agreement with the Travancore Government about this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes. It is with regard to the guaging of the river and it is only a preliminary step. We have to make further negotiations with regard to the use of water. This guaging will take about 5 years

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know whether the Government has come to any agreement with the Travancore Government as to the taking of water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—A general view has been communicated to the Travancore Government about the idea of diverting water. The Travancore Government have also their intention to divert water from the Angamali river. That is the general idea with regard to that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Has the attention of the Government been drawn to an article about the coming into some agreement with the Travancore Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—That is about the Alwaye water.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—May I know how long will it take before the Government finally drop this scheme?

Mr. President.—There is no limitation.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*— ഒരിക്കൽ ഗവൺമെൻറിൻെറ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള വീച്ചി ഇറിഗേഷൻ സ്കീം കൊണ്ട് മനക്കോടുകൃഷിക്കും മുരിയാടുകൃഷിക്കും വെള്ളം ധാരാളം കിട്ടുമെന്നറിയാമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes it is my intention to investigate that scheme. It has not been investigated..

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*— കൃഷി പഞ്ചായത്തു സൂപ്രണ്ടു ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേറ്റു ചെയ്തു ഈ വക ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾക്ക് ഒരു പരിഹാരമുണ്ടാക്കണമെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറിലേക്കു റിപ്പോർട്ടു ചെയ്തിരുന്നുവോ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes He has pointed out that fact. He has communicated to Government about another scheme at Naduthodu which has already been investigated.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*— കരുവന്നൂർ ബണ്ട് എത്രകാലത്താണ് കെട്ടി അടക്കാൻ പദ്ധതിയ്?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—I cannot remember the exact date. It is somewhere in Vrischigam.

Mr. Neelakandan—Water Works Superintendent—Transfer of.

157. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether Mr. Neelakandan, Water Works Superintendent, was transferred as Boiler Inspector;

(2) who is the present Water Works Superintendent;

(3) the pay that Mr. Neelakandan was drawing

(a) as Water Works-Superintendent;

(b) as Boiler Inspector?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(1) Yes.

(2) Mr. Kumarankutty Menon.

(3) (a) Rs. 160.

(b) Rs. 100.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know, Sir, what was the salary attached to the post of the Boiler Inspector before Mr. Neelakantan was transferred to that post.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It was in the grade of Rs. 150—200.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know, Sir, on what date this salary was reduced to Rs. 100—150?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It was proposed to reduce the pay of the Boiler Inspector when he was transferred to that post.

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